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1. THE GDR CONTINUES TO ALLEGE INTERFERENCE IN
GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
IN EAST BERLIN IN JUSTIFYING ITS STEPS TO CONTROL
ACCESS TO THE REPRESENTATION BUILDING ON JANUARY 11.
A JANUARY 13 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) EDITORIAL ACCUSES
FRG MEDIA OF TWISTING FACTS IN PORTRAYING THE GDR ACTIONS
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AS A HINDRANCE TO THE REPRESENTATION'S ACTIVITIES. IT
ARGUES THE REPRESENTATION HAS GONE AGAINST FRG/GDR
AGREEMENTS AND HELSINKI BY MIXING IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS
IN ITS DEALING WITH GDR CITIZENS. THE EDITORIAL STATES
WHILE THE GDR RECOGNIZES THE REPRESENTATION'S RIGHT TO
REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF FRG CITIZENS,
IT CANNOT ACCEPT A PRESUMED REPRESENTATION OF THE

INTERESTS OF GDR CITIZENS AS AMONG THE DUTIES OF THE FRG REPRESENTATION. THE EDITORIAL FURTHER NOTES THAT MEMBERS OF THE FRG REPRESENTATION ARE BOUND BY ARTICLE 41 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION TO RESPECT THE LAWS OF THE HOST STATE AND NOT INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. THE ND EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH A QUOTE FROM HONECKER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE IN WHICH HE STATES THAT THE GDR IS PREPARED TO REACT POSITIVELY TO ALL REALISTIC STEPS BY THE FRG, BUT THAT COOPERATION MUST BE BASED ON RECOGNITION OF TWO SOVEREIGN GERMAN STATES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER STATE.

3. COMMENT: THE ND COMMENTARY SHEDS NO LIGHT ON WHETHER THE GDR INTENDS TO REINSTATE JANUARY 11 CONTROLS ON ACCESS BY GDR CITIZENS TO THE FRG REPRESENTATION WHICH WERE LIFTED ON JANUARY 12. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 13, GDR CITIZENS ARE BEING ALLOWED TO ENTER THE REPRESENTATION WITHOUT HINDRANCE; ABOUT 50 EAST GERMANS VISITED, WHICH FRG DEP. PERMREP BRAUTIGAM SAYS IS SOMEWHAT ABOVE NORMAL. WHILE VOPOS REMAIN STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING, THEY ARE NOT POSITIONED DIRECTLY AT THE ENTRANCE AS THEY WERE ON JANUARY 11.

4. THE GDR HAS YET TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT IT PREVENTED ACCESS TO THE REPRESENTATION ON JANUARY 11, SO FAR HAVING ALLUDED ONLY TO STEPS TAKEN TO ASSURE "ORDER AND SECURITY". THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT YET LAUNCHED A MEDIA DEFENSE OF ACCESS CONTROL MAY MEAN THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SED HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO MAKE THE CONTROLS PERMANENT.

5. FROM THE JANUARY 13 EDITORIAL AND FROM COMMENTS BY DEPUTY MINISTER GRUNERT TO THE CHARGE JANUARY 12 IT APPEARS THAT IN ATTACKING THE FRG REPRESENTATION'S ACTIVITIES, THE GDR INTENDS NOT ONLY TO DISCOURAGE GDR CITIZENS FROM APPLYING TO LEAVE THE GDR BUT ALSO TO DISPUTE FRG CLAIMS, ANCHORED IN THE FRG CONSTITUTION, TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF ALL "GERMAN" CITIZENS. POLANSKY

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